Transfer policy in IA and IAAI

4094. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether one-year ban has been imposed by the Ministry on the transfer of officials in its Public Sector Undertakings like Indian Airlines, International Airports Authority of India etc. and;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Air Crash of Maule-5 Aircraft

4095. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Maule-5 aircraft had crashed on 9th June, 1994 in J & K State while attempting to land at a private airstrip at Mantalai;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that this airstrip had been built in defiance of the defence regulations; if so, what were the circumstances under which permission to build the airstrip was granted;

(d) whether the debris of the ill fated aircraft was checked, if so, whether it is a fact that some sealed ammunition was found therein; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Maule-5 aircraft VT-EEK owned by Air Aparna Ltd. while operating a private flight from Jammu to Mantalai on 9.6.94 crashed during landing at Mantalai airstrip. The accident resulted in the death of both the occupants on board.

(c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. The Police Authorities of Jammu and Kashmir have recovered some ammunition such as cartridges from the accident site.

Speedy construction of an International Airport of Calcutta

4096. DR. BIPLAB DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the economist boom in East and south East Asia, Government are considering a speedy construction of an international airport in calcutta; and

(b) whether Government are encouraging foreign airlines to include Calcutta as a part of their routes in negotiations with them?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Calcutta already has an International airport.

(b) Yes, Sir.

Re-naming of Calcutta Airport

4097. DR. BIPLAB DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state whether Government are considering to rename the Calcutta Airport as Netaji Subhas Airport, in line with a resolution that was unanimously passed by the West Bengal State Assembly on March 18, 1994?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): The Government has already decided to rename Calcutta Airport after Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. However, the formal renaming has been kept in abeyance till the facilities are brought to international standards.